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**RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 4, 2009 OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2009, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Interview Summary** begins on page 14 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 15 of this paper.